GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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AREA UNDER SUGARCANE CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area in the country under sugarcane cultivation alongwith the name of States producing maximum and minimum sugarcane separately;

(b) whether the Government are contemplating to prepare any action plan to promote the sugarcane cultivation in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up sugar mills in Eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The total area in the country under sugarcane cultivation is about 40.67 lakh hectares. While maximum production is in Uttar Pradesh among the major sugarcane producing States, the minimum is in the State of Rajasthan.

(b)&(c): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of SugarcaneBased Cropping System Areas is being implemented under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture by the States.

(d)to(f): The Sugar Industry has been delicensed through notification dated11.9.1998. The entrepreneurs are now free to set up sugar mills according to the techno-economic feasibility of their projects in any part of the country including the eastern Districts of Uttar Pradesh.